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Sorrells *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/550,644

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For: **Method and System for Down-  
Converting an Electromagnetic  
Signal, Transforms for Same, and  
Aperture Relationships**

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Art Unit: 2617

Examiner: Bhattacharya, Sam

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**Fourteenth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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Document FP1 (JP 58-031622) appears to describe a frequency converting circuit. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL1.

Document FP2 (JP 61-245749) appears to describe a PCM signal transmission system for CATV. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL2.

Document FP3 (JP 64-048557) appears to describe a circuit for reforming and modulating at least two data signals. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL3.

Document FP4 (JP 59-022438) appears to describe a bipolar analog-frequency converting circuit. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL4.

Document FP5 (JP 59-123318) appears to describe an analog-digital converting circuit. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL5.

Document FP6 (JP 61-193521) appears to describe an analog-digital converting circuit. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL6.

Document FP7 (JP 62-047214) appears to describe a digital-analog converting circuit. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL7.

Document FP8 (JP 63-274214) appears to describe a digital/analog converting circuit. An English abstract is enclosed as document NPL8.

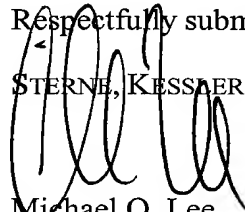
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- ☒ 9. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent application nos. 09/521,879, filed March 9, 2000 (now abandoned), 09/293,342, filed April 16, 1999 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,687,493), and 09/176,022, filed October 21, 1998 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,061,551), in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution histories has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

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